REMARKS

1. Rejection of Claims

Claims 21, 23, 27, 28 and 30 were rejected and Claims 24 and 31 were objected to for the reasons of record.

In view of the claim cancellations and amendments set forth herein, Applicants argue that all previous rejections are now moot and the remaining claims are allowable

In the event the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (970)493-7272.

Respectfully submitted,

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